

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 2521 - SB 2521

March 5, 2022

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires any entity of state or local government or a permittee thereof that chooses to prohibit the possession or open carry of firearms on a property under their control to display specific signage and provide metal detection devices at each public entrance and at least one on-duty commissioned law enforcement officer who has been adequately trained to conduct inspections of persons entering the property by use of metal detection devices posted at each public entrance. Requires each person who enters the property through the public entrance, and any bag, package, or other container carried by the person to be inspected by a law enforcement or supervised private security officer. Requires any local government entity that declares a building or structure a "gun free zone" to provide space in the building for those individuals who are carrying a firearm to store the firearm at or near the entrance of the building in separate, secured, lockable storage units at no cost to the individual. Requires any state government entity that declares a building or structure a "gun free zone" to provide space in the building for those individuals who are carrying a firearm to store the firearm at or near the entrance of the building in separate, secured, lockable storage units, provided that the cost of the storage units is funded by a private individual or entity. Requires an individual, corporation, business entity, or local or state government entity or agent thereof that elects to post a prohibition of firearms to provide reasonable and adequate security for the prohibited property, including any applicable parking areas.

Requires a government entity that seeks to prohibit individuals from possessing firearms in any public building or structure to first conduct a public hearing on the proposed action. Requires additional public hearings to be held each year the prohibition continues. Requires a local government entity that prohibits individuals from possessing firearms in a public building to provide at least one on-duty commissioned officer, in addition to the one at the entrance, per every 500 individuals estimated to be in the building at any time when the prohibition is in effect and open to the public for the purpose of patrolling the interior.

Exempts such provisions for entities that are required to be "gun free zones" per current state law.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$74,175,000/FY22-23

\$69,000,000/FY23-24 and Subsequent Years

Increase Local Expenditures – Exceeds \$12,255,000/FY22-23/Permissive

Exceeds \$11,400,000/FY23-24 and Subsequent Years/Permissive

Assumptions:

- Based on information provided by the Department of General Services (DGS), members of the public are currently prohibited from carrying firearms, openly or concealed, within approximately 575 buildings owned or leased by the state.
- These buildings would require a magnetometer and at least one commissioned law enforcement officer.
- The estimated cost of the magnetometer is \$9,000 including installation. The cost to hire a commissioned law enforcement officer during weekly business hours is estimated to be \$120,000 per building.
- The total increase in state expenditures is estimated to be \$74,175,000 [575 buildings x (\$9,000 + \$120,000)] in FY22-23.
- The total increase in state expenditures is estimated to be \$69,000,000 (575 buildings x \$120,000) in FY23-24 and subsequent years.
- It is unknown how many local government buildings would require magnetometers, law enforcement officers, and firearm storage lockers at entrances to buildings, or how many would choose to implement such standards rather than simply change the firearm policy.
- It is assumed that the equivalent of at least one building per county would require the additional security measures.
- Therefore, an increase in local expenditures estimated to exceed \$12,255,000 [(95 counties x (\$9,000 + \$120,000))] in FY22-23.
- An increase in local expenditures estimated to exceed \$11,400,000 (95 counties x \$120,000) in FY23-24 and subsequent years.
- Any fiscal impact related to annual public hearings is assumed to be absorbed within the normal course of business of any state or local entity.
- The requirement for a law enforcement officer per every 500 individuals is assumed to be limited to mostly sporting and entertainment events for which the commission of such an officer would normally be expected. Therefore, any fiscal impact related to this provision is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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